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News Briefs

Community United Methodist offers program. The Community United Methodist Church will host "Jews for Jesus", Christ in the Passover, on Sunday, March 2, at 10:55 a.m.

Presented by Sharon Freeman, the event is free and open to the public. The church is located at 401 S.W. First Street, Belle Glade.

Libraries offer spring story times

The three Glades libraries are offering spring story times for children of all ages beginning March 24 and continuing for eight weeks.

Pre-registration is required, so please call the Belle Glade Library at 996-3453 to register for Belle Glade, the Clarence E. Anthony Branch in South Bay or the Louisa V. York Branch in Pahokee.

Explorers offering chicken dinners this Sunday

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Explorer Post 611 is sponsoring a barbecue chicken dinner this Sunday, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Belle Glade Marina Pavilion.

Tickets are a \$6 donation and can be purchased in advance by calling Sgt. John Rawlerson or Wanda Cheek at the PBC Sheriff's Department or from any Sheriff's Office Explorer.

Gospel Sing at Miracle Temple Ministries

Miracle Temple Ministries is hosting a gospel sing on Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. Singers from around the lake will participate. Pastor Alvin E. Nichols invites the community to come out and enjoy the evening. Miracle Temple Ministries is located at 104 S.W. 16th Street, Belle Glade.

GDS annual golf tourney is March 22

Gads Day School's annual golf tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at the Belle Glade Golf Course.

The event, scheduled to coincide with the school's "Spring Fling" will start with registration at 8 a.m. and tee off at 9 a.m.

Cost is \$35 for club members and \$40 for non-members. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded to the top four teams.

Golfers can sign up by calling 996-6605.

West Tech planning open house and barbecue

West Technical Education Center will be hosting an open house on Friday, Feb. 28 from noon to 6 p.m. at their facility, located at 2625 SR 725.

Tours of West Tech will be available to all who would like to learn more about the technical skills and classes available. A barbecue will also be offered during this time for \$6 a plate.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend. For more information, call West Technical Education Center at 996-4930.



Celebrity Celebration for Heart participants, shown from left, are Lomax Harrelle, Mayor Steve Weeks, Jerry Tuliano, Barney Weeks, Doug Manger, Police Chief Mike Miller, Wayne Carter, Kenny Cavine and Mike Underwood.

Heart Association plans celebrity luncheon at Drawbridge Cafe

Some well-known citizens from the Glades will be enjoying a heart-healthy lunch on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 at the Drawbridge Cafe. But they won't be eating lunch; they'll be serving it. It's all part of a fun-filled American Heart Association event called Celebrity Celebration for Heart.

Kenny Cavine, Lomax Harrelle, Steward Stein, and Barney Weeks will be serving their guests a variety of lunch items including water, dinnerware, napkins, songs, dances, etc. -- each for the price of a "tip."

Other waiters include Jerry Tuliano, Brian Lohmann, Mike Underwood and Master of Ceremonies, Mike Miller.

"Celebrity Celebration for Heart will be a great time for the waiters and their guests," said Steve Weeks, chairperson for the event. "It could be our best opportunity to watch Glades celebrities act as crazy as they can to raise money for a good cause."

According to Weeks, "The waiters will earn tips based on the quality - or lack - of service. All the waiters hope to convince their guests they're

the best and most entertaining waiters. Accordingly, they'll perform antics such as singing, dancing, magic tricks, and more. Anything goes on this fun-filled evening."

Celebrity Celebration for Heart is a fund-raising event benefiting the research, public education and community service programs of the American Heart Association in the fight against heart and blood vessel diseases.

For more information, call Steve Weeks at 996-2014 or Susan Stote at 1-800-AHA-USA1.

Berry says city needs to focus on talents and skills of residents

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

South Bay candidate Esther Berry says residents in the city have many skills and talents that need to be utilized if the town is to move ahead. She envisions small businesses run by residents will talents in woodworking, arts and crafts and possibly a farmer's market.

Berry, 50, is running for the commission seat currently held by Miralinda Smith. Berry was unavailable for an interview last week when the other candidate was featured. Both Clarissa Davis and Vice Mayor Basil Anderson were unopposed for their seats. Smith has served four, two year terms and is campaigning for a fifth term.

Berry is a college instructor with a doctorate in Educational Psychology. She holds a Master of Arts Degree in Early Childhood Education and a



Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education. She has studied at Howard University, the University of Georgia, George Peabody College for Teachers and Bethune Cookman College.

She said her vision is to focus city planning efforts to address "quality of life issues," for residents and the implementation of micro-enterprise programs in South Bay. She said if elected, she will work

"collaboratively and supportively with local residents, commissioners, businesses, educational institutions and churches."

"People must hold their elected officials accountable. I welcome that accountability. I will help people better understand the process of city government," she said.

Berry said she regularly attends South Bay Commission meeting and planning and discussion workshops. Since 1972 she has worked with many community and school groups and she was recognized by the Washington, D.C. Area Advisory Council, of the Southeast Regional Center for Drug Free Schools and Communities in 1995 for her service in communities and schools. She has written book reviews for the Journal of Negro Education.

South Bay residents will go to the polls March 11.



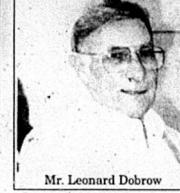
BANK PRESIDENT Dale Morris congratulates Sarah Phillips for 40 years with First Community Bank of Palm Beach County. Mrs. Phillips was given a surprise party, a gold and diamond pin, gold earrings and a dozen red roses. (See front page story for more information.)

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Dobrow & Friend, Pahokee's Pioneers

By Stephanie Schneider
Reporter

Two men received the same award at Pahokee's annual awards banquet. Leonard Dobrow and Lewis Friend were both honored as Pahokee's Pioneers of the year for 1996.



Mr. Leonard Dobrow

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Mr. Dobrow moved

The wild green yonder

By Mike Lyons

James O'Brien knew he was lucky to be alive. The tornado had missed him but destroyed just about everything else.

His home was gone, so was his car, his neighborhood was in shambles. Yet, James was alive. He would rebuild. He would start his life over again.

James would never forget the day of the tornado. He actually saw the twister before it slammed into his neighborhood. And, he saw something else he would never forget.

"Just before I saw the tornado," James said, "the sky turned green. It was very weird."

James is not the only person to witness a green thunderstorm. There are thousands of people who claim the sky has turned green. In almost every case, the green sky was followed by a severe thunderstorm.

Despite these anecdotal reports of green storms, some scientists do not believe that green thunderstorms actually exist. These skeptics suggest the green storms may be due to hail or reflections of light from green foliage on the ground.

Frank Gallagher, William Beasley and Craig Bohren decided to settle the issue of green thunderstorms conclusively. The three scientists spent the spring of 1995 driving through the back roads of Oklahoma and Texas looking for green thunderstorms.

Along with video and still



Mike Lyons

cameras, the scientists brought along a Photo Research PR-650 SpectroColorimeter. The PR-650 is a lightweight portable spectrophotometer that can measure the entire visible spectrum. If there was a green thunderstorm in the Oklahoma or Texas sky, the PR-650 would find it.

Their first chance came on the afternoon of May 7, as a small squall line developed in southwestern Oklahoma. "We recorded three spectra of the storm as it approached our viewing position in Mountain Park, Oklahoma," said Gallagher.

At first, the spectrophotometer recorded a wavelength typically associated with the color blue. Gallagher, Beasley and Bohren noticed that the clouds did have a bluish tinge.

Then, a few minutes later, the spectrophotometer recorded something else. "A distinct change could be seen in the spectrum," said Beasley. "The

color of the clouds began to take on a greenish cast."

The three scientists had their proof, green thunderstorms did exist. Altogether, Gallagher, Beasley and Bohren found 30 green thunderstorms in Oklahoma and Texas. "We found that the optical properties of thunderstorms undergo many transformations," said Bohren. "In almost every case, the storm ends up being green."

But, why green? Is it the existence of hail inside the storm or the green created by reflections of light from green foliage?

"We found that ground reflections alone cannot account for the green coloration," said Gallagher. In fact, the trio believes that green foliage has absolutely no influence on the coloration of thunderstorms.

And, it may not be hail either. The scientists recorded both green and non-green clouds which almost certainly had hail. "This does not rule out the possibility that the hail created the green coloration," said Beasley; "but, it does suggest that the presence of hail may not be required in order for a storm to appear green."

So, green thunderstorms are real and not the product of over-active imaginations. James O'Brien was correct, he did see a green thunderstorm. Now, if the scientists can only explain where that color comes from.



VERY PROUD AMERICAN PARENTS...Shown here is first place essayist Lauren Dowdell with her parents Albert and Marjorie.



HAPPY YOUNG AMERICANS...Here we have Carl Seibert, President of the Belle Glade Elks Lodge, with essay contest winners Lauren Dowdell, Viviana Espinoza and Latoya Daniels.

♥ A SWEETHEART IS BORN ♥

Kendall Marie Alava was born

February 14th at 11:34 am

Weight - 6 lbs. 1 oz. and is 19 1/4 inches long

Parents:

Henry and Gigi Alava of Tampa, Florida

Maternal Grandparents:

Emilio and Maria Fraiega of New Port Richey, Florida

Paternal Grandparents:

Ibrahim and Enriqueta Alava of Belle Glade

Western Communities Family Practice of Belle Glade is relocating their office to the Wellington Campus as of March 1, 1997.

The new address is:

10131 Forest Hill Boulevard, Suite 150
West Palm Beach
561-793-5155

We apologize for any inconvenience



Western
Communities
Family Practice

Local students show their stars and stripes in essay

Three Glades Central Community High School students received honors for their "Americanism" essays in a contest sponsored by the Florida State Elks Association.

First place essayist was Lauren Dowdell, who received a certificate and \$75. Her essay will go on to a state contest.

The second place certificate and \$50 went to Viviana Espinoza. Latoya Daniels took home the third place certificate and \$25.

According to Carl Seibert, Belle Glade Elks Lodge President, all of the essays were excellent and judging was difficult.

The essay criteria the students received answered the question "What is Americanism?" as follows:

"Americanism" is the allegiance to the traditions, inter-

ests, ideals and democracy as practiced in the United States. It is pride in our background, interest in the present and hope for the future.

The term "Americanism" is vague, although it has been defined as a spirit that is democratic, tolerant, up-to-date and individualistic. It is an unfailing love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, allegiance to the flag and a sincere desire to serve.

Our country was founded through the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, on the ideal of freedom. That it has never completely achieved that ideal freedom, anyone will concede. But, it is a country continually reaching for that goal. Its people will never stop trying for

that dream. This is the real strength of America.

"Americanism" is not a word for authors and politicians, nor for soldiers and protesters. It is a word for every American to interpret in his own way. We have all been endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. To help us better understand these rights, we should be familiar with "The Freedom Documents" upon which rests our American heritage. These documents are:

The Pledge of Allegiance, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Monroe Doctrine, the Gettysburg Address and the Star Spangled Banner.

Two hundred years ago, America was handed to the people in good condition. As

citizens of this great country, we should plan to keep it that way. The responsibility of every true American is to personally understand and maintain the American way of life; to honor it by his own exemplary conduct and to pass it intact to succeeding generations.

In judging the essays, judges placed great emphasis on how convincingly the students portrayed the American way of life and the great freedoms enjoyed in this country.

Ms. Dowdell's essay will be forwarded to the Americanism Chairman of the Florida State Elks Association for state judging. In the state contest, first, second and third place essayists will receive \$300, \$200 and \$100 respectively.

Florida Hazardous Weather Awareness Week, Feb. 23 - Mar. 1

Governor Lawton Chiles, in cooperation with the National Weather Service, the Florida Department of Community Affairs, and the 67 county Emergency Management Agencies, has proclaimed February 23 through March 1, 1997 as Florida Hazardous Weather Awareness Week.

In Florida, during 1996, 44 people were killed, over 150 people were injured and tens of millions of dollars in losses were sustained in weather-related incidents. The Awareness Week will highlight some of the more hazardous weather phenomena affecting the state. (Note that hurricanes are not highlighted - this major threat will get special attention at the beginning of the hurricane season.)

For further details concerning Florida Hazardous Weather Awareness Week, see page 12.

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Medical Services

Two dirty words in medicine

By Paula Swaford, RN

I want to discuss two verbs that are commonly used by people in relationship to their health and well-being. The American Heritage Dictionary defines "procrastinate" as: "to put off doing something, esp. out of habitual carelessness or laziness." The definition of "avoid" is: "to stay clear of; evade; shun. To keep from happening; prevent. To refrain from."

What causes many people to ignore the obvious and delude themselves into believing that whatever problem they are having will just magically disappear? Are we all watching too much TV, where all the situations are resolved and the happy ending occurs in an hour's time or less? Or is it an inordinate reaction to anyone or anything having to do with medicine?

On Friday, I received three separate phone calls from individuals who were, in one form or another, actively practicing our two defined words: procrastinate and avoid. The "jist" of the conversations all ended with this sentence... "I hate to go to the doctor/hospital! Well, don't we all? And have we ever asked ourselves, 'WHY'?"

Does this fear revert us completely back to our childhood, when painful injections were



Paula Swaford, RN

dreaded and the scent of alcohol-sanitized waiting rooms struck fear into our hearts before we even saw the doctor or nurse? Or, is our trepidation based on a deep-seated fear of the unknown? "What will they tell me?" "Maybe I have some incurable disease!" "What if they find something?" "What if it's really nothing...will I look foolish?" "I don't want anyone to think I might be a hypochondriac!"

Or, could it be that the fact that we are ill, with whatever, shows our weakness as humans; our lack of control over our own bodies; or the fact that we are not (nor were we ever) "perfect" and without flaw? Let's face it...our bodies are like intricate, well-

designed machines. Even the fanciest, most expensive automobiles on the road occasionally need an oil change, a lube job, minor or even major repairs and adjustments to enable them to perform as they were designed.

In much the same way that a car owner would seek advice from a mechanic, we must overcome our fears of the medical community. "You see, Doc, I have this problem..." Would that be so difficult to say? "What's the worst thing that could happen if you did?" Another analogy would be that of a detective and the crime that's being committed against your body. Doctors are detectives. They are constantly looking for clues to the puzzle, so all the pieces can be put together to form a true diagnosis. Physicians have the expertise, experience and knowledge at their disposal to come to a reasonable conclusion and to solve the "case", as it were; except for the most important piece...that is you, the patient. If you aren't willing to make that first step, then the "crime" will remain unsolved.

On the other side of the coin, the medical community should

ask themselves what they can do to help the general population overcome their fears. Nurses, do you make each patient feel important? Do you realize the effort it took for that sick person to drag themselves out of the bed to wait in your waiting room? Do you treat people like you would want to be treated? Have you done all you can do to help and put your patients at ease? And remember to talk the talk that patients can understand, and put your medical language on the back burner when communicating with them. Physicians, the same questions apply to you. If you've spent your time to treat this person, then take that extra minute or two to make sure that they understand your instructions completely. How many times have I had people say to me... "I didn't understand what the doctor told me..." Instead of opening their mouths and letting the doctor know that they didn't understand, they left his office in a cloud of confusion. Here's where that element of fear took over again. Resist the urge to use those two verbs, procrastinate and avoid, and seek the answers to your medical dilemmas, as they arise.

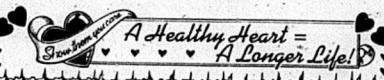
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OPINION PAGE

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School buses shouldn't speed

"I'm Speaking Out in reference to how fast these school buses are driving and how they wait until they come to a stop before they put out their stop sign."

A lot of those little children will be out playing in the road and school buses drive so fast they almost hit them. A driver yesterday almost hit four or five children on bicycles. She was going so fast.

I wish the county school board could speak to these drivers because just they're driving a bus doesn't mean they rule the street.

Editor's note: We spoke with Mrs. Allie Biggs, Coordinator II for the West Area Transportation Department. We gave her the bus number

mentioned in the Speak Out (which we withheld in fairness to that party) and she said she will check in to this caller's comments. She notes that all bus drivers are required to take safety training and if there is a problem it will be taken care of.

Bob Riley, Director of Transportation for the county also noted that bus driver's driving records are checked four times a year and drivers must meet very strict standards. If they find a driver is driving unsafely, it could result in their removal or retraining.

He also notes that bus drivers are required by law to wait until they come to a complete stop before extending the stop sign on the side of their bus.

Thank you for Speaking Out.

An open letter to the community

Dear citizens of Belle Glade and people of the region -

After the article I wrote for the Miami Herald was published two weeks ago, there has been considerable concern communicated to me with regard to concepts and suggestions that were products from the Belle Glade Community Design Charette. Held last May 3-4 at the middle school in Belle Glade, the Charette was preceded by workshops. Five thousand individuals were sent out for the Charette and 120 people participated.

The article I wrote specifically suggested, as the main point to a healthy regional economy, the sustainability of agriculture in the EAA. The continued existence of agriculture locally and nationally is a position I have advocated for many years. I love the culture of agricultural communities, having years ago stayed on my great-aunt's farm in Wisconsin. My belief and direction as an urban and regional planner is the sustainable economy we all desire can only be achieved by sustaining agriculture, urban and natural systems - sustaining one system will not work.

At the beginning of the Charette last May, the number one issue presented by those in attendance was jobs.

This resulted in a suggestion to diversify the economy. The opportunities discussed were:

- Rejuvenate the original "old" town and make it a town center, connecting it with the city hall and fire department by a landscaped walk. Plant trees along the Avenue A sidewalk which would be fixed. Change the parking lanes to create a better community shopping scale.

- Create, through small business loans, opportunities for citizens to open businesses giving new life to the town.

- Build a farmer's market in town along the Hillsborough Canal, to buy and sell local goods - jams, produce, quilts and other local products.



Daniel Williams

• Increase the size (in town) of the Hillsborough Canal so that shops and Belle Glade citizens could enjoy the water view.

Create a "river walk" and even rent boats for a row around the basin.

- Add community improvements to Highway 80 to include shade trees and a boulevard to attract travelers and workers in the region to stop and enjoy a cup of coffee and share the heritage of Belle Glade.

Another issue at the Charette was "cleaning up the town". In our meetings there was considerable concern expressed about maintaining the town. The resolution discussed on this matter was to have each neighborhood police its own clean up with the city's help. Hiring additional people would only raise taxes and nobody wanted that.

Creating a long term sustainable City of Belle Glade created the most unique if not controversial approach. There was considerable discussion on recreating a connection with the lake. It was obvious that any town with a view of a water body would have a competitive advantage over one that did not. The concern at that time was if the "view" was recreated, would the town and the agricultural base be endangered? Many discussions were held on this topic and many of the participants at the Charette agreed that, as an idea, it should be at least discussed and presented.

Two main concerns around this issue were expressed and addressed by the Charette participants and the design team:

- 1. Protection of the citizens of Belle Glade.

- 2. Protection of agriculture and property.

These concerns were addressed by raising the level of the ground surface of "the new Belle Glade" to 10' above lake water level - this would provide protection to the residents while providing a view of the lake and surrounding agriculture. This seemingly huge project - removal of



"SURE SHE CAN TALK. JUST DON'T GET HER STARTED ON RELIGION OR POLITICS... SHE GOES BANANAS."

the levee - would not only pay for itself but create a new industry of eco-tourism by reconnecting the lake to the people. This "new town" would support a new expanded marina, low rise condominiums, hotels, motels, restaurants and other businesses all feeding off the beauty of the lake.

Following the directive of "sustainability" and knowing that agriculture had been under considerable political pressure and financial stress due to environmental concerns - we researched the history leading to this problem.

Over the last 10 or more thousand years the Kissimmee River watershed has brought water and nutrient rich sediments to the lake. When the levee was dug it protected the city and farm lands from lake overflows such as in the disastrous hurricane of 1928. In doing so, it also stopped the delivery of lake sediment to the soil. The soil was no longer being rebuilt. If the soil did at its cost. It seemed common sense, or at least worth discussion, to find out if some of the hundreds of thousands of acres in farming could be seasonally flooded - rebuilding the soil while killing nematodes. This is a method which feeds billions of people around the globe.

Because of the expressed interest in creating new jobs, some that had been lost to mechanization - many participants suggested that some of the farm land, if it were seasonally flooded, could create a huge and profitable organic farm - possibly the largest in the world and put thousands of people back to work while creating a more profitable agriculture.

Agriculture that takes advantage of soil rebuilding from the lake, irrigation from gravity flow and pest control from a brief shallow submergence - is sustainable.

So it seemed that the partial removal of the levee could recreate a long term sustainable agriculture while protecting the natural systems to the south and providing a thriving urban economy along the lake shore. It is still worth a look.

The Charette report, done last June, was presented to the commission and to the Glades Community Development Corporation last year. It shows a beautiful rejuvenation of the town. The final drawings were framed and presented to the Belle Glade Commission and the Glades CDC at a public meeting held on January 27, 1997.

We presented these ideas at several meetings over several months last year. Invitations were sent out, calls were made. We wanted as many members of the community to see the fruits of their labor. The many no shows at the meeting were due, I assume, to busy schedules.

These ideas are big ideas considered to solve big and complex problems. A Band-Aid approach would not work. In the many books Lawrence Will wrote, never once did he mention the people of the region unable or unwilling to take on big challenges or tasks. Surely the original clearing of this land far exceeded the difficulty of the concepts brought up in the Charette.

I wish to thank *The Sun* for the opportunity to present these views and, if there is a desire by the citizens of Belle Glade to revisit these issues, I will come back and meet with them. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Dan Williams
Research Associate professor
Center for Urban and Community Design

Guest Commentary

"The best is yet to come," says Pahokee's city manager

By Ken Schenck

Pahokee City Manager

The City of Pahokee has come a long way in recent years. Facing the problems of economic decline because of the changes in farming techniques and environmental problems in the Glades area, the city has had a lot to overcome. The people of Pahokee have come together with an enthusiasm and resolve second to none. They are determined to revive Pahokee into a community that is better than ever.

The city commission has worked together diligently to improve Pahokee and bring economic stability to the city. The commissioners hard work in Tallahassee is the prime reason we were successful in bringing the youth facility to Pahokee. This facility is responsible for 250 jobs, of which about 80 percent are Glades residents. The economic impact of this facility is providing a major boost to the revival of Pahokee.

In the last six years there have been many improvements in Pahokee with many more to come. We have been able to secure over \$4 million in grants for a variety of improvements. A few of the improvements have included new bathroom facilities and water, sewer and electric at the campground and marina, renovation of the gym as the center for youth activities, renovation of the old cafeteria into the recently opened community center, floating boat slips and the beginning of the downtown revitalization with the recycled tire paver bricks.

Two years ago the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Charette to discover the ideals and dreams that the citizens had for Pahokee. Many ideas came out of the Charette and the chamber set up committees to carry forth and develop the necessary plans and programs. These committees have recently joined to form a task force which is still working hard to make the ideas a reality.

We have been fortunate to obtain two important awards from the state. The first is the Enterprise Zone designation. This program enables new and expanding businesses to obtain a variety of tax incentives. The second program is the Main Street designation. This

program enables us to obtain technical assistance from the state to improve and develop the downtown area. These improvements have already begun. A Main Street director has been hired to work with the downtown businesses.

However, the best is yet to come. There are many improvements presently under way and others in the planning stages. The following are some of these plans:

The commission has borrowed over \$1 million to improve the streets and sidewalks throughout the city. This work has already begun. The funding was established so as not to increase property taxes. The design is under way through an Inland Navigation District grant to expand the boat slips at the marina. We have received a grant of \$235,000 to complete the design renovation of the old high school into a new city hall. An architect has been selected and has started the design. Moving the city hall will enable the use of the present site for a hotel. Downtown improvements include facade improvement grants for downtown businesses and a beautification plan to plant trees and flowers along the downtown streets. We're also working with the Department of Transportation to improve Boca Point Road, Lake Avenue and East Main Street through beautification and safety plans.

Water and wastewater improvements are under way. The improvements have enabled connection of the youth facility to the city system and will enable us to expand the collection and distribution lines to improve the overall system. A grant of \$1.4 million from EDA will enable us to construct the improvements without a rate increase.

The commission and the chamber of commerce are working together to bring new industry and economic development to the city. New housing projects are also a goal. We have been able to develop these programs and projects without raising taxes, utility rates, a tribute to the program put forth by the commission.

The most outstanding asset of the city still remains its people. The cooperation and energy we receive from our residents is heartwarming and guarantees Pahokee a successful future.

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VOLLEYBALL IS BACK! The Black Gold Jubilee Committee will again have volleyball at the festival on April 18. Corporate teams have already been lined up and the fast-paced action will go from dawn to dusk. Shown planning for the tournament are Volleyball Committee members Kelly Teets and Jayna Smith, seated, left to right; and Mike Malone and Stormi Stein, standing, left to right.

Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 762 complaints and worked 11 crime scenes this week of February 10-16. Those arrested included:

February 10 - Juvenile, 16, trespassing after warning; Leroy Rivers, 34, retail theft; Frank Robles, 22, domestic assault; Glenn Collier, 21, domestic battery and domestic battery with violence; Ronald Tarver, 29, domestic battery; Simone Peterson, 33, aggravated assault with a motor vehicle; Jack Foreman, 38, fraudulent use of a credit card, petty theft and carrying a concealed firearm.

February 11 - Jimmy McClorin, 35, violation of probation; Juvenile, 16, opposing and obstructing police and loitering and prowling; Juvenile, 17, opposing and obstructing police and loitering and prowling.

February 12 - Judy Clinton, 43, retail theft; Juvenile, 17, grand theft.

February 13 - Jesus Romero, 19, auto burglary, grand theft and possession of burglary tools; Corey Burroughs, 26, strong arm robbery and petty theft.

February 14 - J.C. Blanding, 40, burglary of a con-

veyance and grand theft; George Barr, 54, domestic battery, carrying a concealed weapon; Costello Carrigan, 42, retail theft.

February 15 - No arrests made.

February 16 - No arrests made.

The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Alberto Cruz, who is wanted for sale of an imitation controlled substance and five counts of sale of cocaine and sale of rohypnol. Cruz is 6' tall and weighs 230 pounds. His last known address was 1661 South Congress Avenue, Apartment B, West Palm Beach. He has black hair and brown

eyes and his date of birth is January 17, 1971. His Social Security number is 583-39-9055 and his last occupation was as a sales manager.

His warrant was active as of February 11, 1997. If you know the whereabouts of Alberto Cruz, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477.

You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of stolen property.

Alberto Cruz

He has black hair and brown

Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made seven arrests the week of February 10-16.

Those arrested included:

February 12 - Gilberto Navarro, 21, failure to appear warrant; Juvenile, 14, order of commitment warrant issued.

February 13 - No arrests made.

February 14 - George Collins, 19, possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell, sale of cocaine within 100 feet of a

school, carrying a concealed firearm and tampering with evidence; Darrell Hickman, 26, attempted first degree murder, carrying a concealed firearm.

February 15 - No arrests made.

February 16 - No arrests made.

Med-Mobile to be at South Bay City Hall

The C.L. Brumback, Glades Health Center Med-Mobile will be at the Belle Glade Municipal Complex on Feb. 26.

The Med-Mobile will provide screening for high blood pressure, cholesterol checks, and factors which could lead to a

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Black Gold Notes

By Sue Teets, Jubilee Chairman

Jubilee features

corporate volleyball

Get set for a lot of fun and excitement when Lakeside volleyball returns to Black Gold Jubilee. The fast-paced action begins April 19 at the lake at 9 a.m. and continues through the day until dusk.

Sponsored by Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida, the tournament will feature 10 corporate teams in a round robin format. First place players receive prizes while plaques go to corporations winning first and second place. All entrants receive a '97 Jubilee volleyball t-shirt.

Tournament teams are Belle Glade Fire Department, Eastgate Farms, Everglades Farm Equipment, First Community Bank, Good Shepherd Church of God, Markham Sugar Farms, Moss Towing, Oseola Farms, Seminole Supply, and Wedgeworth Farms.

Don't miss out on this exciting Jubilee event. Plan now to bring your lawn chair and plenty of suntan lotion.

See you there!

WIFE announces second annual cookie contest

Attention all good cooks; it's that time again. Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) needs you for its second annual Black Gold Jubilee Cookie Contest.

So pull out those special recipes and get ready for the competition. Your recipe can be borrowed, an original, or an old family favorite. In recognition of sugar's importance to the Glades, WIFE is requesting that it be one of the recipe's ingredients.

Entrants are asked to bake one batch of their favorite cookie recipe and bring it to the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce by 8:30 a.m. on the morning of Black Gold Jubilee. The cookies will remain the property of WIFE.

Deadline to submit your recipe is April 11, 1997. First, second, and third place winners will receive cash prizes.

Judges for the contest are Mike Lyons of Channel 25, West Tech Food Instructor Joyce Giffen, and John Marshall of the Florida Culinary

Art Institute.

Applications can be picked up at The Sun newspaper or at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. For more information concerning the contest, contact the chamber at 996-2745 or Mary Orsenigo at 996-5198.

Gospel Sing promises to please and uplift

Black Gold Jubilee's annual Gospel Sing is set for Tuesday evening, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade.

Featuring outstanding local talent, the Gospel Sing will include school and church choirs, soloists, trios, bells, and a ventriloquist. This popular community event is under the direction of Robin Waggoner and Cherie Bowens.

During the Gospel Sing, Glade residents will pause for the Blessing of the Soil and give thanks for the area's bountiful harvests of vegetables and sugarcane.

Anyone interested in participating in the Jubilee Gospel Sing may contact Ms. Waggoner at 996-5596.

Elite Community Club to celebrate Founder's Day this Sunday

The Elite Community Club, Inc. will celebrate their Founder's Day on Sunday, Feb. 23, at the New Bethel A.M.E. Church, South Bay.

The late Mrs. Louise E. Taylor, a prominent civic leader in Belle Glade, was the founder and overseer of many civic organizations. She was responsible for the formulation of The Elite Community Club more than 30 years ago.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. at New Bethel A.M.E. Church, which is located on S.W. 12th Avenue in South Bay, where Rev. D.L. Ford is pastor.

Musical tributes will highlight the morning service in

recognition of Mrs. Taylor's many contributions to the Glades as well as to state and national organizations. Speaker for the service will be the Rev. Geneva Boyd, of Clewiston.

Mrs. Taylor was instrumental in helping local community-based organizations sponsor and mentor youth groups. The Elite Community Club sponsors three such groups each year, namely, the debutantes, escorts and sub-debutantes.

Not only was Mrs. Taylor involved in local civic programs, she served as state president of the Florida Association of Women's Clubs from 1962-1966. She was also

involved in work at the national level with the National Association of Women's Clubs, where she worked with the youth programs.

Under her sponsorship, the Marion Anderson Starlets youth group won many oratorical and talent contests throughout the state. She also served as president of the local P.T.A. for several years during her lifetime.

All founding members and former members of the club are invited to share this tribute to an outstanding citizen who left a legacy of service to the Glades area. The general public is also invited.

Teens for Tomorrow coming to Glades Central Community High

Teens for Tomorrow, a new after school program for Glades Central students, will start Monday, March 3. The program will be co-sponsored by the Palm Beach County

Recreation Department and Glades Central Community High School full service schools and Title I. It will be in cooperation with Big Brothers/Big Sisters/The Boys and Girls Club, and Glades Glen Youth Enrichment Academy.

Teens for Tomorrow will consist of clubs, training tracks, recreation, field trips, and spe-

cials will be able to participate in various recreational activities, special seasonal or cultural events, field trips, and training tracks. Training tracks in specific skills or trades including culinary arts, sewing, nursing, child care, and camp counseling. The teens will have opportunities to earn points for good behavior. Registration will be held during all lunch periods on Feb. 25, 26, and 27.

Fat Boys' Bar-B-Q

For the Month of February

LUNCH SPECIALS

Monday - Chopped BBQ Sandwich (French Fries, Beans or Cole Slaw) - \$4.50

Tuesday - Country Fried Steak (French Fries or Vegetable) - \$4.75

Wednesday - Chicken & Dumplings with (Garlic Bread) - \$4.99

Thursday - Pork or Beef Plate (choice of Baked Potato or Fries, Beans, Cole Slaw or Garlic bread) - \$5.00

Friday - Pork Chops (Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable & Garlic Bread) - \$4.99

Saturday - All U Can Eat BBQ Chicken (Baked Potato or Fries, Beans, Cole Slaw or Garlic bread) - \$5.99

Sunday - All U Can Eat Catfish (Baked Potato or Fries, Beans, Cole Slaw or Garlic bread) - \$6.99

DINNER SPECIALS

Monday - All U Can Eat Pork - \$6.95

Tuesday - 16oz Sirloin (cole slaw or Salad) - \$11.99

Wednesday - Country Fried Steak - \$6.95

Thursday - Catfish Dinner - \$6.25

Friday - All U Can Eat Ribs - \$6.95

Saturday - All U Can Eat Chicken - \$5.95

Sunday - All U Can Eat Catfish - \$6.95

The above served with choice of Potato, Beans, Cole Slaw and Garlic Bread.

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PENNIES ARE HEAVENLY. Students at Belle Glade Elementary School held an eight day "penny drive" to raise money for students who want to go to Washington, D.C. with the school's Safety Patrol, but didn't have the funding. Bank of Belle Glade offered to take the pennies, unwrapped, so the students and teachers wouldn't need to spend hours rolling the coins. The class that raised the most pennies was Mrs. Gail Harper's Fifth Grade Class. The kids brought in 11,750 pennies.



Church to host Pancake Breakfast

Pahokee's First United Methodist Church is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Wash-

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ington's Birthday, Saturday, Feb. 22, from 7 to 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, sliced apples, and a drink for \$4. Tickets can be purchased by calling Cathy Mahoney at 924-7241 or tickets can also be purchased at the door. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support the church.

Doctor Bus to be at Belle Glade City Hall

February is Heart Month and a Community Health Outreach Day is planned for Feb. 26 at Belle Glade City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot.

The "Doctor Bus" will be available to screen for hypertension, high cholesterol, and give information about the lifestyle factors which contribute to heart disease.

The "Doctor Bus" is available

to see both adults and children. For more information, call Marylou Powers, 996-1600.

Med-Mobile to be at South Bay City Hall

The C.L. Brumback, Glades Health Center Med-Mobile will be at the Belle Glade Municipal Complex on Feb. 26.

The Med-Mobile will provide screening for high blood pressure, cholesterol checks, and factors which could lead to a heart attack.

A provider will be available for physical examinations and ERGs, if necessary, and associated health care workers will be available to provide educational and nutritional information.

For more information, contact Marylou Powers, Med-Mobile Program Coordinator at 996-1600.

Recovery Group meets at

Good Shepherd

A Christ-centered recovery group meets every Monday evening at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. and the public is welcome. The church is located at 1800 Bacow Point Road, Pahokee.

Winter Fun

The Belle Glade Recreation Department is offering outdoor recreational activities that include basketball, full court or three on three challenge games. They are also offering tennis lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays and flag football. Hours are from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact the Recreation Department at 996-1000, extension 622.

Recreation Department

offering fitness classes

The City of Belle Glade Parks and Recreation Department is offering fitness classes to the public.

"Fitness by Michele" will be offered at the Belle Glade Municipal Civic Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The first class on Monday night, titled "Basic Fitness" starts runs from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. and the second class, "Stompin' Step" is from 6:15 to 7 p.m. Wednesday's classes run the same time with the first class stressing non-aerobic strength and toning for all fitness levels and the second class offering interval aerobic. Instructor is Michele Young, RN.

There is a \$2 per night for one or both classes. Steps and weights are provided.

Congressman Foley joins fight to ensure breast cancer patients get care

This week, Congressman Mark Foley, R-Fl., co-sponsored the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1997. He says the act places medical decisions back where they belong, with physicians and patients. This legislation guarantees coverage for inpatient hospital care following a mastectomy, lumpectomy, or lymph node dissection (based on a doctor's judgement), requires coverage for reconstructive procedures, ensures a second opinion for any cancer diagnosis and offers significant physician protections for inducement or retribution.

"It is a tragedy that some women who must undergo procedures for the treatment of breast cancer are rushed through their recovery from these procedures on an outpatient basis due to the cost-cutting measures of health plans and insurance companies," Rep. Foley said. "This legislation

should restore confidence to the more than 2.6 million women who live with breast cancer in the United States. Women should know that their medical treatment will be based on good medicine, not on simple economics."

Rep. Foley has also sponsored a resolution that calls for additional research into the benefits of mammograms for women aged 40-49 and makes a strong request that the Advisory Panel for the National Cancer Institute consider reissuing the guideline rescinded in 1993 which recommended that women in their forties have annual breast cancer screening.

"Studies have shown that mammograms are of value to women in this age group. We need to encourage further research in this area to wholly understand just how great the benefits can be to early detection," Rep. Foley said.

Florida Speaker of the House talks about new house Rules

By Daniel Webster
Speaker of the House
Florida House of Representatives

tunity to flatten out that pyramid and spread out the base. The result will be that every citizen of the state of Florida will be assured that they are sending a Representative to the State House that will have the opportunity to be effective and has an opportunity to be heard.

To accomplish this goal, we have written new House Rules.

By eliminating 72 sub-committees, reducing the size of committees, and allowing members

to offer amendments on all committees (even when they are not assigned to the committee), that process becomes

more efficient and effective.

Each of these changes allows the members to make their work count.

Our new rules will also end meetings by 6 p.m., avoiding the late night negotiations and back-room deals. There will be sufficient notice given for the agenda of the House. Members and the public will have the ability to respond to proposed legislation well ahead of the actual vote.

Each committee will be limited to one of the seven bipartisan councils. Each council will determine the order in which legislation is presented. Instead of a small group of powerful members deciding which legislation is heard, more than two-thirds of the members will actively participate in the House floor agenda. This prioritization ensures that the most important bills will be heard first and ends the chaotic, last-minute rush at the end of the session.

The public may not notice a difference in the way the legislature functions, but they will notice the end product. They will see that the legislation that is placed in the highest priority will be that which is relevant to the vital needs of this state. Gone are the days when the naming of the state pie is the first order of business.

I realize that it is going to take time to implement all of the changes. I am entering this position as the Speaker of the House as a servant, to the Legislators and to the citizens of Florida. I am open to ideas and would welcome your input.

My promise to you is that I will do my utmost to serve you and make you proud of your Florida House of Representatives.

Daniel Webster is the Speaker of the House of Representatives. He can be reached at:

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Brogan proposes plan to fund scholarship with lottery dollars

Florida Education Commissioner Frank T. Brogan joined with Senator Don Sullivan and Representative Ken Pruitt this week to announce a plan to dedicate Florida Lottery proceeds to fund a new post secondary scholarship program to enable an additional 11,596 high school students who graduate with a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or better to continue their education or vocational training at Florida institutions.

Joined by key sponsors of the proposal Sen. Sullivan (R-Seminole) and Rep. Pruitt (R-Port St. Lucie) in a classroom of 11th graders at Leon High School, Commissioner Brogan announced the plan to fund the state's three merit-based scholarship programs with Lottery proceeds. Sen. Sullivan is the key sponsor of the legislation in the Senate, with Rep. Pruitt sponsoring the effort in the House of Representatives.

"I welcome the opportunity to examine the state of Florida's scholarship programs and to make access to education a top priority," Sen. Sullivan said.

"This legislation will go a long way in meeting our original promise and commitment to the people of Florida," Rep. Pruitt said. "This will ensure that the Lottery dollars go directly to our children for the enhancement of their education."

An estimated 11,596 Florida high school students would be eligible for the new post secondary scholarship program this fall, based on their GPA status. Total cost of the new scholarship program is estimated at \$12,934,178 to cover tuition and fees for 30 credit hours for students entering programs in the fall of 1997.

This is the second year Commissioner Brogan has recommended a proposal to fund post secondary scholarships from lottery proceeds. In the fall of 1995, Commissioner Brogan and key lawmakers announced the Lottery Restoration Act, which included the creation of the post secondary scholarships for high school students, as well as directing lottery dollars to prekindergarten programs and infrastructure enhancements for public schools. The proposal also included a plan to replace lottery dollars directed to these programs with an equal amount of general revenue dollars to fund school operations.

The 1996 Legislature passed a measure creating the post secondary tuition scholarship program, and directed the Florida Department of Education to study state scholarship and tuition programs prior to awarding the scholarships for 1997-98.

"This could be tangible proof that lottery dollars are at work for education," Commissioner Brogan said. "With the majority of high school graduates requiring some form of post secondary education or training, we must provide them with the opportunity, the incentive and now the means to continue their education in Florida."

Commissioner Brogan is recommending that approximately \$79 million in lottery proceeds be used to fund the state's three merit scholarship programs.

These are the Undergraduate Scholars Program, the Gold Seal Endorsement Scholarship for vocational education, as well as the new post secondary tuition scholarship.

The Florida Lottery is

expected to generate approximately \$800 million in funding for all of educational programs in this year's budget. An estimated 42,677 Florida high school students will be eligible for one of the three scholarship programs in the fall of 1997.

The programs will be the first priority for Lottery funding prior to directing Lottery proceeds to public schools, community college, universities and other needs. Lottery revenue directed to the scholarship programs from discretionary school district lottery funds will be replaced with general revenue dollars. The proposal will provide deserving students with expanded opportunities to acquire higher education or post secondary vocational/technical training. It would ensure that a portion of the Florida Lottery is used as an educational enhancement to directly benefit Florida students. In addition, it will act as an incentive toward higher student achievement for Florida students by providing financial support for additional education or training.

The bill sets criteria for award of the post secondary scholarship to require that eligible high school students hold a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, excluding level I course, and that they have no felony convictions. The program also requires a minimum SAT or ACT score, which will be established by the State Board of Education. Once the award is given, a student must maintain a 2.5 GPA in college.

The commissioner is also proposing that students who fall below the minimum required GPA while in college be reinstated one time during their college career upon improving the GPA to the



THREE DECADES OF SERVICE...Supervisor Melton Crittenden, (right) was honored for 30 years with the Belle Glade Post Office. Last week, Postmaster Johnny Johnson presented Mr. Crittenden with a 30 year pin and a certificate.



SURPRISE PARTY HELD FOR MRS. PHILLIPS...Sarah Phillips, right, was honored for forty years of service to First Community Bank of Palm Beach County. Bank Manager Jeanelle Meredith, left, helped Mrs. Phillips cut the cake.

"Wings Over Florida" program celebrates birding achievements

"Wings Over Florida" is a new program sponsored by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) to recognize birders who have excelled in this increasingly popular activity.

Full color certificates of four native Florida birds will be issued to birders who meet the program's criteria, said Ricardo Zambrano, a GFC non-game biologist at the Everglades Regional Office in West Palm Beach.

Birders who record 50 to 149 native species can qualify for the Chickadee certificate. Birders who spot 150 to 249 species can qualify for the Frigatbird certificate.

The Painted Bunting certificate is awarded to those who spot 250 to 349 species. The ultimate is the Caracara certificate, which will honor those birders who have spotted 350 or more.

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- 5K Walk/Run
- Kids Corner
- Art Exhibits
- Cookie Contest
- The Dutton Family
- Parade
- Jubilee Cookbook
- Volleyball
- Food Court
- Photography Contest

For thickening soups and sauces, you can use cornstarch instead of flour. One tablespoon of cornstarch equals two tablespoons of flour.

Can't File Now?

People who can't meet the tax extension deadline can file their return to the IRS and get a four-month extension of time to file. But along with the form, they should send in the estimated tax they owe. People who can't pay the full amount should file the extension form and pay as much as possible, because the penalty for not filing, or filing late, is higher than the penalty for paying late. And the IRS charges interest on any taxes paid after the due date.

Report Alimony

Whether you receive or pay alimony, report it on Form 1040. If you receive alimony, you can deduct it; if you pay alimony, it is taxable income. In either case, you must use Form 1040 or 1040EZ. Publication 504, *Divorced or Separated Individuals*, explains these tax rules. Call 1-800-829-3676 for tax rules about household employees.

Household Employees

If you earn \$1,000 or more working at someone's house and are not a member of the household, you may be an employee of the household employer. Examples of household employees include babysitters, butlers, caretakers, cooks, drivers, gardeners, housekeepers and maids. Call 1-800-829-3676 and get Publication 926 for tax rules about household employees.

Seniors age 65 or older can get help with their tax returns from Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE).

Through TCE, volunteers from many organizations provide free tax information and guidance.

Local IRS offices have information on TCE locations.

Seniors age 65 or older may not have to pay tax return on their income if it is less than certain amount.

For 1996, that amount for single seniors is \$7,558. The limit for a married couple filing a joint

Age Has Its Tax Benefits



There are benefits to getting older, at least when it comes to taxes. Some tax benefits become available at age 55.

Those who claim the standard deduction get a higher standard deduction than people under 65. And those who are blind get an extra added amount.

Seniors or others with disabilities get a special credit for the elderly or the disabled. This credit is based on age, income and filing status, and can reduce the amount of tax you owe. Those under 65 could be eligible if they have total and permanent disability and have income from their employer because of that disability.

The IRS considers persons to be 65 on the day before their 65th birthday. So for the IRS, those who turn 65 on January 1, 1997, are age 65 on December 31, 1996.

For more information, get Publication 554, *Information for Older Americans*, and Publication 510, *Guide to Free Tax Services*. Call 1-800-829-3676.

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Attention Glades Residents:

The Sun would like to start a new section in our newspaper about the pioneers of the Glades area. We are asking for the community's help in locating as many of the original pioneers of the Glades as possible. If you would like to make a suggestion as to who you would like to see receive recognition for their pioneering work in making the Glades what it has become today, please call or write The Sun with the name of the person(s) you want to nominate and a brief history of that person as well as a way to get in touch with them.

The Sun

Attention: Stephanie
417 N.W. 16th Street, Suite 6
Belle Glade, FL 33430
(561) 996-4404 - Phone
(561) 996-2209 - Fax

Jean Claude Daverne, from Pahokee was killed on February 5, 1997, when the car he was driving smashed into a tractor-trailer on SR 715. Mr. Daverne was born May 20, 1957 in Leorgane, Haiti to Henry Caisse and Loretta Daverne. He came to the United States approximately 15 years ago to make a better life for himself and his family. His father predeceased him in death. Jean Claude was known to many as Vincent. He was a faithful employee for nine years at El-Mil Painting Company. He leaves to mourn: his loving and devoted wife, Gwendolyn Daverne; Mother, Loretta Daverne of Haiti; three sons: Claude Daverne of New York, Leon J. and Jeffrey Daverne of Pahokee; two daughters, Rose Daverne of Haiti and Sophia Daverne (deceased); two step-daughters, Shanda & LaSonya Wade of Pahokee; One sister, Marie Daverne of New York; one uncle, Leo Daverne; two aunts, Lusetane Daverne and Amaline Daverne; Father and Mother-in-law, Ivery and Winnie Bell Guyton of Pahokee; six sister-in-laws; four brother-in-laws; a host of sorrowing nieces, nephews and friends. A very special friend Pierre Sylva who was like a brother to Jean Claude.

Services were Friday, Feb. 14, 1997 at 1 pm at Saint James AME Church in Pahokee. Services entrusted to Taylor-Smith-West Funeral Home.



These boys are all smiles...when it comes to cleaning up their community.

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Wednesday & Friday

7:00 P.M.

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Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

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Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday & Friday

7:00 P.M.

Saint Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday & Friday

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Saint Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday & Friday

7:00 P.M.

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Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday & Friday

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Saint Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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Wednesday & Friday

7:00 P.M.

Saint Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday & Friday

7:00 P.M.

Saint Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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Wednesday & Friday

7:00 P.M.

Saint Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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Morning Service 11:00 A.M.

Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday & Friday

7:00 P.M.

Saint Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

Morning Service 11:00 A.M.

Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday & Friday

7:00 P.M.

Saint Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

THE LAKE HARBOR BAPTIST CHURCH

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Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday & Friday

7:00 P.M.

Saint Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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has also been active in the Jews for Jesus organization in Boston and New York.

The Jews for Jesus organization was founded by Moishe Rosen, a Jew who has believed in Jesus for 35 years. The organization has permanent branches in eight North American cities as well as over seventy chapters spanning some states. It also has international branches in South America, Europe, and Australia.

The "Christ in the Passover" presentation aims to enhance the Christian understanding of the New Testament by showing the Jewish background for the communion celebration. It describes ancient and modern Jewish customs with an emphasis on the redemption accomplished by Christ through his death.

Jews for Jesus gives these presentations as an invitation for believers in Jesus to learn about the Jewish roots of their faith. They invite non-Christians to also come observe how Jews for Jesus see Christ in the Passover.

Anyone desiring more information may call the Community United Methodist Church office at (407) 996-5568.

Local young lady named one of the President's Scholars at Florida Southern College

One of 91 students at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL, Beth Buchanan, daughter of Kenneth and Rosemary Buchanan, was named President's Scholar and is presently a senior at Florida Southern.

Buchanan is majoring in Elementary Specific Learning Disabilities/Education.

To be eligible to be named a President's Scholar, one must have earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled in at least 15 credit hours during a semester.

Mixson Funeral Home is handling all arrangements.

Lazaro E. Gomez, 52, of Belle Glade died Tuesday, February 11, 1997 at his residence. He was a native of Cuba and had lived in Belle Glade 4 years while working at Okelandia.

Mr. Gomez is survived by his wife Milagro of Cuba; son, Lazar E. Gomez Corzo of Cuba; daughters Shirley Conlan, Diana Scott, Mary Raby, Linda Little, Delores Weeks; 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Mixson Funeral Home is handling all arrangements.

Pete Williams, 84, passed away on Sunday, February 16, 1997. He was born in Lafayette, Indiana on April 16, 1912. He is preceded in death by his daughter Judy W. Lopez. Surviving relatives include his

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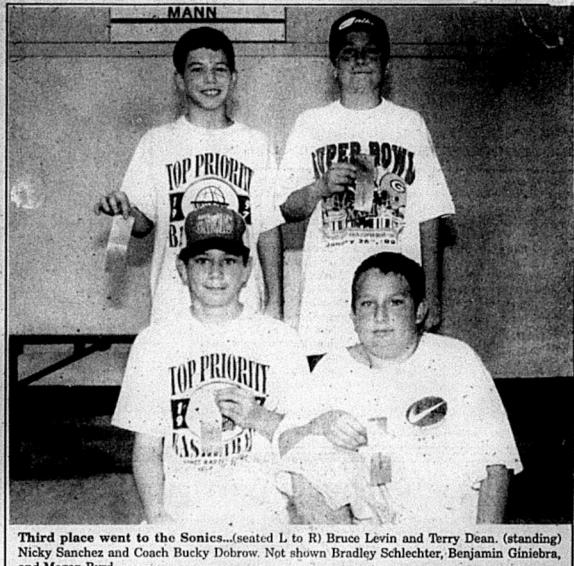
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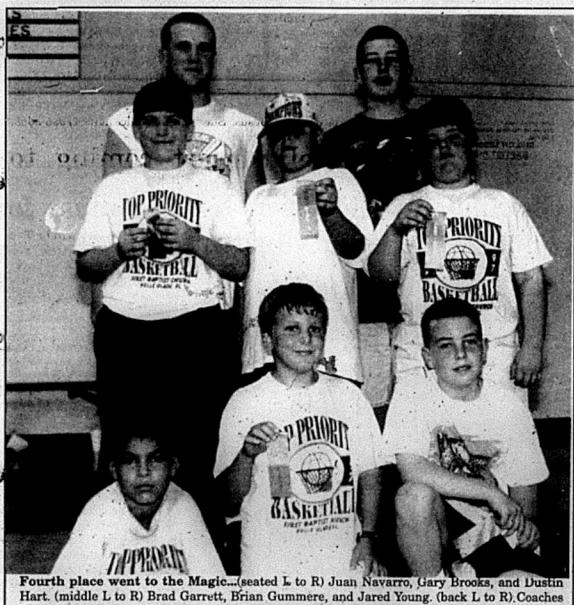
First Baptist Church Basketball Championship



Second place went to the Timberwolves... (seated L to R) Jonathan Rice, Blake Herring, Preston Baez, and David Pavay. (second row) Coach Matt Snow, Eric Wingate, Ashley Curtiss, and James Lee. Not shown is Shameria Smith.



Third place went to the Sonics... (seated L to R) Bruce Levin and Terry Dean. (standing) Nicky Sanchez and Coach Bucky Dobrow. Not shown Bradley Schlechter, Benjamin Ginebra, and Megan Byrd.



Fourth place went to the Magic... (seated L to R) Juan Navarro, Gary Brooks, and Dustin Hart. (middle L to R) Brad Garrett, Brian Gummere, and Jared Young. (back L to R) Coaches Pablo Sanchez and Derek Lamb. Not shown is Ashley Cunningham.



Fifth place went to the Rockets... (front L to R) McGee Green, Eric Royal, Hughey Acree. (back L to R) Coaches Jenne Garrett, John Holman and Carmen Paez. Not shown are Jeremy Hawkins, Jay Baez, and Ann Lee.



On his way to do great things... Andre Bryant of Glades Central signed a letter of intent with Morgan State University.



Making his mother proud... Bruce Hightower signs a national letter of intent with Youngstown State University as his mother looks on.

Bass tournament promises big paybacks for winners

The First Annual Bass Tournament of the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce will be conducted on Sunday, March 2, 1997. Bill Nelander, Chairman of the fund raiser announced the event will start at the Lake June Ball Field boat ramp at 5:00 a.m. There will be coffee, juice, and biscuits for the participants. Starting position is determined by order of registration.

There is a guaranteed pay-back of \$1500 with \$10,000 for each exact 9.00 lb. bass caught. There will also be

door prizes from local merchants:

Funds raised will benefit the many Chamber projects including the beautification of the area.

The event's major sponsors are Big Lake National Bank, Community Banking Center, Florida Hospital, State Farm Insurance, Wells & Associates Insurance.

For more information, a registration form and tournament rules, please call (941) 465-4331, if out of the local area call (800) 557-5224.

Lake Shore Middle School receives needed classroom supplies from Palm Beach County Health Care District

R.E.A.C.H., the employee association at the Palm Beach County Health Care District, has been raising money to purchase needed supplies for Lake Shore Middle School located in Belle Glade. R.E.A.C.H., which stands for Recognizing Employees and Aiding in Community Health, has an Adopt-A-School program of which Lake Shore Middle School has been this year's focus. A computer donated by a Health Care District employee,

four cases of notebook paper, pencils, folders, and other miscellaneous items were presented by Elizabeth Hernandez, Community Relations Specialist for the Palm Beach County Health Care District.

The supplies were presented on Friday, February 7, 1997 to Mrs. Helen Rutledge, Assistant Principal and a former teacher of Elizabeth's.

R.E.A.C.H. also held a canned food drive at their office located at 324 Datura Street,

West Palm Beach in November 1996. All donations received were given to Lake Shore Middle School's Student Council to be combined with their canned food drive.

Cricket Fagan, R.E.A.C.H. President and Administrative Assistant in the West Palm Beach office, stated that the employees at the Health Care District wanted to help make a difference in the lives of the students and teachers in Palm Beach County.



Thank you for the wonderful gifts...These students from Lake Shore Middle School are happy to receive educational gifts such as computers, school supplies, and word processors from the Palm Beach County Health Care District REACH program.

The "Fair Ladies" of Glades Tri-City Family Education Program

On Thursday, January 23, the students of GTCFEP took an exciting and fun-filled trip to the South Florida Fair. Here are a few highlights of the trip in the students' own words.

"We saw real cowboys cooking real food in cast-iron pots over a campfire—no ovens or stoves...no aluminum pans or pots." (D.H.)

"I personally enjoyed all the food stands there. We had so

much fun that we forgot all about the time!" (F.W.)

"The little girls and their mothers enjoyed when the animals ate food from their hands...I got my ring cleaned free!" (M.A.)

"I got a free t-shirt and ice cream!" (C.P.)

"Our visit to Yesteryear village was a warm and educating experience!" (C.W.)

"The hot dog made me sick

and the soda tasted like water. Then I purchased a big bag of old-time popcorn." (E.Z.)

"One of the things that really delighted me was feeding a giraffe face-to-face and feeding her!" (M.A.)

"I had fun and was so happy that I spent time with the class." (J.L.)

"The trip to the South Florida Fair was unforgettable." (H.J.)

"The hot dog made me sick



Big helpers with little hands... The Boys & Girls Club of South Bay help pick up trash and garbage littering the streets of South Bay on Monday, February 17.



Cleaning up is a group effort... Boys & Girls Club sponsor Mr. Bullard receives help from the children who showed up for the clean up day.

Big helpers with little hands help to clean up the streets of South Bay

By Stephanie Schneider
Reporter

On Monday, February 17, the Boys & Girls Club of South Bay donned gloves and garbage bags as they worked their way through the streets of South Bay cleaning up the trash they found on the side of the road.

Approximately 30 children lent their little hands to helping their community under the direction of club sponsors Mr. Bullard and Mr. Arnett. While many other children used their day off from school for

President's Day, the Boys & Girls Club used it as an opportunity to get started early on helping South Bay.

The children started at Rosenwald Elementary School and worked their way through South Bay cleaning up and picking up almost everything in sight.

The students were rewarded for a job well done by being taken to a local park for "play time" and refreshments.

The Boys & Girls Club of South Bay is an affiliate of Rosenwald Elementary School.

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Thursday, Feb. 27

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PBCC'S SPOTLIGHT ON THE "FABULOUS" GLADES CAMPUS

By Leigh Woodham

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Has the theory of gravity always eluded you? Would it help to see it demonstrated by someone balancing a wheelbarrow on his chin up on stilts? Put down your breakers, Toss your test tubes. Leave your lab behind and come meet Dr. I. Wonder, whose specialty is using circus arts to explain scientific theory.

Bring your friends, family and children of all ages to learn about optical illusions, gyroscopic action, air resistance, equilibrium and more from Michael Frith, Dr. I. Wonder himself. He will be performing this Friday, February 21 at 7:00pm at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

After your "science lesson", brush up on your history! "Women Who Dare" is an his-



Leigh Woodham

torical drama which was commissioned and produced in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution. This memorable theatrical experience celebrates women throughout history who got tired of waiting for their time to come and decided to change the times! Come and learn about their incredible lives on Tuesday, February 25, at 7:30pm at the Dolly Hand.

For information on either show, call the box office at 922-6160.

"FABULOUS" GLADES THRIFT SHOP

Get set for some "fabulous" shopping when the "Fabulous" Thrift Shop at the "Fabulous" Glades Campus opens to the public on Thursday, February 20, from 8am to 7:30pm, and on Friday, February 21, from 8am to noon. All proceeds will benefit the Glades Campus Scholarship Fund. Come on out and SAVE!!



Dr. I. Wonder aka Michael Frith



SCENES FROM THE SCIENCE CIRCUS...Dr. I. Wonder demonstrates scientific information using fun, clever acts.

Florida Hazardous Weather Awareness Week Highlights

Governor Lawton Chiles has proclaimed February 23 through March 1, 1997 as Florida Hazardous Weather Awareness Week. This week's highlights are designed to educate the public about hazardous weather situations which occur in Florida, injuring and killing many residents and causing massive monetary damage.

On Monday, February 24, the spotlight will be on the dangers of lightning. Annually, Florida leads the nation in lightning deaths and injuries. During 1996, 12 people were killed and 102 were injured by lightning. This is well above the 38-year average of 10 deaths and 35 injuries. Documented damage from lightning stands at \$1.1 million, but actual costs are certainly higher.

On Tuesday, February 25, attention will be paid to marine hazards, including rip currents, waterspouts, high winds and seas, and other hazards to the boating community. Florida's most deadly weather related hazard, the rip current, drowned 30 people and nearly drowned another 17 in 1996. This is above the average of 25 rip current drownings a year. High publicity about rip currents is needed to heighten the

awareness of residents and tourists and to reduce loss of life.

Florida maintained its pre-eminence as the watersport capital of the United States with 70 confirmed sightings of waterspouts. Strong winds in the coastal waters and on area lakes claimed the lives of boaters and led to the rescue of others.

On Wednesday, February 26, the theme will be tornado and severe thunderstorm safety, and will include a statewide tornado drill. Florida is the undisputed thunderstorm capital of the United States. In 1996, thunderstorms produced 65 tornados and 365 cases of other damaging thunderstorm winds or large hail. These winds killed one person, injured 430 people and caused over \$32 million in damage. The tornado drill will serve to test the receipt of emergency messages from the National Weather Service, and to give schools an opportunity to check out their tornado preparedness plans. In the event of actual threatening weather that day, the drill will be rescheduled for Thursday, the 27th.

On Thursday, February 27, attention will be placed on excessive rains and freshwater flooding. During 1996,

52 flooding events were documented in the state. These floods caused over \$2 million in damage.

On Friday, February 28, the focus will be on the continuing efforts to improve hazardous weather warnings. This includes the continuing process of the NWS's modernization, the expansion of NOAA Weather Radio Network and the new Emergency Alert System.

Hazardous Weather Awareness Week will allow those who live and visit in Florida to focus on, and to increase their knowledge of, how to protect themselves from potentially hazardous weather. For further information, contact your county office of Emergency Management, Florida Department of Community Affairs, or the National Weather Service Office in your area.

Note from The Sun: The National Weather Service Office which covers our area is located in Miami. The telephone number is 305-229-4520 and Jim Lushine is the Warning Coordination Meteorologist. NOAA Weather Radio can be picked up at 162.4 on your AM radio.

Gilbert's Jewelers & Gifts

Higinio Alvarez began the business in 1967, his sons Gilberto and Robert gradually took over their father's business. They moved to their present location at 200 SW First Street, Belle Glade in November of 1985.

Today, Robert and Gilberto Alvarez co-own Gilbert's Jewelers and Gifts, Inc., one of the top 10% privately-owned money grossing jewelry stores in the country.

"Both men put in long hours to make sure their customers are satisfied. We feel we have a wonderful shop with so much to offer our customers. We pride ourselves on our personal service and our fast repair service," said Robert.

"Belle Glade has been good to us and in return, we try to be good to its citizens," he added.

Gilberto says they are able to keep their prices low and inventory high because they have a controlling interest in a Miami-based jewelry manufacturer. This allows them access to watchmakers, designers and a stone setter. They also have a high demand for specialty jewelry, made to order.

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Success comes before work only in the dictionary.

Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT

TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE In Belle Glade; 40 hours per week, \$6.38 per hour. Must have automobile. Minimum H.S. diploma or equivalent preferred. Previous experience in food & nutrition and volunteer teaching. Must furnish references. Accepting applications from February 12 through February 26, apply at PBC Cooperative Extension Service, 2978 State Road 15, Belle Glade, (561) 996-1655. 2/20

COUNSELOR - Eckerd Family Youth Alternatives, Inc. is currently seeking individuals who are committed to improving the lives of youth-at-risk and their families. Immediate opportunities exist in the West Palm Beach, Belle Glade, Pahokee, South Bay and Clewiston areas for our Re-entry After Care Services. The qualified candidates will provide adjudicated youth and family with support, supervision, and counseling through case management services. Bachelor's degree (preferably in Social Work or other Behavioral Science) and 3 years of progressively responsible experience working in human services are required. For consideration, please call Christy Bentley at (800) 570-2862. Or send your resume to: ECKERD FAMILY YOUTH ALTERNATIVES, INC., 721 US HWY 1, Suite 204, N. Palm Beach, FL 33408. 2/27

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POOL COMPANY is accepting applications for experienced roustabouts, floorhands, derrickworkers, and crane

Addictions Counselor

Counselor needed for Glade CI. BARS in Social or Behavioral Science & 2 yrs. chemical addiction exp. required; CAP cert. a plus. If qualified, send resume/letter of application (MUST inc. salary req'ts) to Ms. Riley, Bridges of America, Inc., 2055 Mercy Dr. Orlando, FL 32808. Fax 407/921-1182. No phone calls please. e co/mfd/v

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EVERGLADES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Belle Glade needs P/T teller. Apply in person. 701 S. Main. 3/6

DENTAL ASSISTANT. Looking for self-motivated Spanish and English speaking person who is willing to work hard. Will train. Call 996-1046. 2/20

SCHEDULING RECEPTIONIST. Looking for self-motivated Spanish and English speaking person for extremely busy dental office. Scheduling exp. Tel. Call 996-0146. 2/20

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FOR SALE: Purple martin and decorative gourds. 999-3519. 2/20

FOR SALE - BEAUTIFUL STAINED GLASS light fixtures (formerly hanging in Dino's Restaurant), \$25.00 each. May be seen at 600 NW Ave L or call 996-2522

ASSISTANT TEAMLEADER - Responsible for providing children with a safe and healthy learning environment, advancing their physical and intellectual growth, guidance and discipline, establishing positive relation with families and encouraging their involvement in the education to their children, ensuring a well-run purpose program responsive to participants' needs, and maintaining a commitment to professionalism. Function as a team member with other center staff. Preferred qualifications: CDA credentials and six months experience in teaching preschool children. Acceptable qualifications: High school diploma or GED and one year experience in working with chil-

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children. (Must attend all in-service training). I'll interested submit a letter of interest and a resume to: Education Coordinator, P.O. Box 801, South Bay, FL 33493, no later than 2/21/97. 2/20

LOAN OFFICER, First Federal Savings Bank of the Glades, Clewiston office, has an immediate opening for a highly motivated individual who is seeking a challenging career with a growing financial institution. Applicant should have excellent people skills, a computer literate; willing to learn all lending functions and be able to handle multiple tasks. Experience not required; if you are a quick learner and willing to work hard! Excellent salary and benefits package, commensurate with exp. and education. Must be willing to relocate. Apply in person in our Clewiston office, 3 am - 4 pm or fax resume to: Linda Rembert at 941-983-5860. EOE. 2/20

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YARD SALES

YARD SALE, SATURDAY 1:00, Airport Road, 1109 NE 29th St. Clothes, miscellaneous. 2/20

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF SOUTH SHORE MANAGEMENT, INC.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the South Shore Management, Inc. and in accordance with Chapter 2705, Section 4, Laws of Florida, Article 1, Section 1, of the Florida Statutes, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of South Shore Management, Inc., for the year 1997, will be held on Saturday, March 15, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bell Glade Municipal Center, 314 Rardin Avenue, Belle Glade, Florida, for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.

2. Receiving annual reports and taking action with respect thereto as the Landowners may desire.

3. Transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

Board of Supervisors,
South Shore
Management
District

Lawrence D. Worth,
President

Publishers: The Sun, February 20, 1997
Legal No. 97-12

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LANDOWNERS OF SOUTH FLORIDA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors, South Florida Conservation District, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2707, Laws of Florida, Article 1, Section 1, of the Florida Statutes, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of South Florida Conservation District, will be held on Saturday, March 15, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bell Glade Municipal Center, 314 Rardin Avenue, Belle Glade, Florida, for the purpose of:

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Board of Supervisors,
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Erika Stein, Jr.,
Chairman

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